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1. (Previously Amended) A window frame comprising:
 - a first frame half;
 - a second frame half having a ship orientation and an install orientation with respect to said first frame half, said second frame half being moved between the ship and install orientations by rotating said second frame half within its own plane;
 - first connector means for releasably interconnecting said first and second frame halves when said second frame half is in the ship orientation, said first connector means being integral with said first and second frame halves; and
 - second connector means for securely interconnecting said first and second frame halves only when said second frame half is in the install orientation, said second connector means also being integral with said first and second frame halves.
 2. (Canceled)
 3. (Previously Amended) A window frame as described in claim 1 wherein said first and second frame halves are identical to one another.
 4. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 1 wherein said second connector means includes a barb and a keeper.
 5. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 4 wherein said barb and said keeper are capable of interlocking at a plurality of relative axial positions.
 6. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 1 wherein said first connector means

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7. (Previously Amended) A window frame comprising:

a first frame half;

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first connector means unitary with said first and second frame halves for releasably interconnecting said first and second frame halves; and

second connector means unitary with said first and second frame halves for securely interconnecting said first and second frame halves, said second connector means operative only when said second frame half is in the install orientation.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 7 wherein said first and second frame halves are identical to one another.

10. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 7 wherein said second connector means includes a barb and a keeper.

11. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 7 wherein said barb and said keeper are capable of interlocking at a plurality of relative axial positions.

12. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 7 wherein said first connector means includes friction fitting components.

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13. (Previously Amended) A window frame comprising:

a first frame half including a plurality of barbs monolithically formed with said first frame half; and

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a second frame half including a plurality of receivers monolithically formed with said second frame half, said second frame half having both a ship orientation and an install orientation with respect to said first frame half, said second frame half being moved between the ship and install orientations by rotating said second frame half within its own plane, each of said receivers receiving one of said barbs only when said second frame half is in the install orientation to securely interconnect said first and second frame halves.

14. (Presently Amended) A window frame as defined in claim 13 wherein said barbs and ~~keepers~~ receivers are capable of interlocking at a plurality of relative axial positions.

15. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 13 further comprising first connector means for releasably interconnecting said first and second frame halves in both said ship orientation and said install orientation.

16. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 15 wherein said first connector means is integrally formed with at least one of said first and second frame halves.

17. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 13 wherein said first and second frame halves are identical to one another.

18. (Previously Amended) A window frame comprising:

a first frame half;

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a second frame half having a ship orientation and an install orientation with respect to said first frame half, said second frame half being interchangeable between the ship and install orientations by rotating said second frame half within its own plane;

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first connector means for releasably interconnecting said first and second frame halves when the second frame half is in the ship orientation, said first connector means including first and second portions monolithically formed with said first and second frame halves, respectively; and

second connector means for essentially permanently interconnecting said first and second frame halves only when said second frame half is in the install orientation, said second connector means being inoperative when said second frame half is in the ship orientation, said second connector means including first and second portions monolithically formed with said first and second frame halves, respectively.

19. (Original) A window frame as defined in claim 18 wherein said first and second frame halves are identical to one another.